

Blanco Ranger
District
220 E Market Street
Meeker, CO 81641



LOST SOLAR TRAIL #1828

Difficulty: More Difficult

Trail Use: Moderate

Length: 8 miles

Elevation: Starts 7,905 feet and ends 11,006 feet (highest point 11,006 feet)

Elevation Gain: +3,400 feet – 299 feet = +3,101 feet

Open To: HIKING, HORSEBACK RIDING

Access:

- Access to The Lost Solar Trail is located 29 miles east of Meeker.
- From Meeker, take State Highway 13 east for 1 mile.
- Where Highway 13 turns north, turn east on Rio Blanco County Road 8 for 18 miles.
- Turn south on Rio Blanco County Road 10 for 2 miles, jog north for 1/4 mile, then east for 10 miles to the South Fork Campground and trailhead.
- Take the South Fork Trail 5 miles up South Fork Canyon to the Lost Solar Trail junction.

Trail Highlights:

The trail climbs quickly out of South fork Canyon into the Lost Solar Creek drainage. After fording Lost Solar Creek the trail follows the narrow valley for several miles, crossing several small streams before rising out of the creek bottom onto the side hill. The cover along the trail varies between open parks and timber. Seven miles from the South Fork Trail you enter Lost Solar meadows, a large grassy park. After following the meadow for 1 mile, you reach the Oyster Lake Trail #1825.

ETHICS/REGULATIONS: South fork Trail is NOT in the Flat Tops Wilderness.

- **Cattle:** May be grazing in the area
- **DOGS:** Possessing a dog or other animal that is harassing wildlife or people or damaging property is prohibited. There is no leas law in the Flat Tops, however dogs must be kept under verbal control at all times.
- **TRASH: PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT** -- even biodegradable items like fruit peels!
- Limit group size to 10 people and 15 stock/pack animals or less
- **SANITATION** - bury human waste 100 feet from trails and water and 6 inches in the soil or pack it out along with toilet paper.

WILDERNESS AREAS are in a delicate state of natural balance, they are not renewable resources. Any careless act upsets this natural balance and destroys the beauty found in the Wilderness. By following Wilderness ethics and regulations you can protect and preserve the natural qualities of the Wilderness for future visits. **PLEASE, RESPECT THE LAND AND RIGHTS OF OTHERS**

